

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

KISO, et al.

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Title: THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR HYPERAMMONEMIA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO BE ENTERED PRIOR
TO CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment of the subject
application prior to calculation of the filing fee of this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 8 and 12 as follows (see the attached Appendix for
the changes made to effect the below claims):

Claim 4. (Amended) The blood ammonia lowering agent according to
claim 1, which comprises said xylobiose or said xylooligosaccharide and a
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 8. (Amended) The therapeutic agent of hyperammonemia